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New debate rages over who killed Dr. King: An exclusive story in a British newspaper and an interview on ABC's *Prime Time Live* have re-opened the debate over who actually killed civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. A 67-year-old white Memphis businessman is asserting that he arranged the King assassination at the request of a Mafia-connected New Orleans businessman named Frank Rullo. But, Lloyd Jones says he will not give full details unless he is granted immunity from prosecution. State prosecutor John Pierotti has ruled out granting Jones such immunity. Currently, drifter James Earl Ray is serving a 99-year prison sentence for King's murder. Ray says he is innocent. Jones agrees, saying Ray was just a "fall guy." It is unclear how the new revelations will play out. But Jones maintains "the full story will never be known" if he is not granted immunity from prosecution. —MEMPHIS, TENN.

At least 1% of blacks infected with AIDS virus: The first and most extensive national survey of HIV infection appears to suggest that one percent of the nation's African-Americans are infected with the virus, which is believed to cause the deadly disease AIDS. The one percent infection rate among blacks compares to a three-tenths of one percent rate among whites and four-tenths of one percent rate among Hispanics. The figures are based on a random scientific testing of the blood of nearly 8,000 people between 18 and 52. Black men are nearly four times more likely to be infected than black women, suggesting the disease is still heavily concentrated among homosexual males. The extensive survey was conducted by scientists from the National Center for Health Statistics. Overall, it appears that the number of HIV infected Americans is smaller than earlier estimates. —WASHINGTON, D.C.

Study: Public school segregation on the rise: Nearly 40 years after the U.S. Supreme Court declared racial segregation in public schools unconstitutional, a new study shows public school segregation is on the rise. The Harvard Project on School Desegregation conducted the study. Project Director Gary Orfield concluded, "The fact is that since Brown vs. Board of Education (the 1954 Supreme Court) decision, we are going backwards." 68 percent of black students attend predominantly black schools. This is up from 65 percent in 1980. The states showing the biggest increase in segregation were Maryland, Michigan, New Jersey, Tennessee, Alabama and Connecticut. Critics blame the policies of the Reagan and Bush Administrations for reversing progress toward school integration. —CAMBRIDGE, MASS

Blacks add to commit more and more "hate" crimes: Klanwatch, a group established 13 years ago to monitor Ku Klux Klan violence against blacks, says a rapid increase in number of so-called hate crimes are now being committed by blacks against whites. Over the last three years, 46 percent of all race-related murders were committed by blacks. This is up from eight percent five years ago. —ATLANTA, GA



Mark Aaron Fury addresses capacity crowd gathered to welcome Plainfield's new mayor. Next week's City News will talk with Mayor Fury on his plans for the city.

Black America needs to change direction, activists say

New generation of African-American leadership proposes a 'new agenda' to reinvigorate communities, fight crime, improve education, create jobs

WASHINGTON, D.C.—A new generation of African-American leadership will outline its own vision for black America with the release of a comprehensive report and set of proposals. The report, "Black America 1994: Changing Direction" assesses and proposes new solutions for the most persistent problems facing the black community: economic stagnation, rampant crime, welfare dependency, poor schools, and the disintegration of the black family.

"This report is going to change the way politicians and civic leaders look at the black community. We recognize that it's time for the black leadership to change gears. The government-intensive approach that was needed to bring about equality in civil rights is just not working when it comes to real economic empowerment and preserving the black family."

says Raynard Jackson, a chief contributor to the report, published by The National Center for Public Policy Research, a non-partisan Washington-based think tank.

Contributors to the report call theirs an "empowerment" agenda. "We have to recognize that the old system of mandates and entitlements has failed. An 'empowerment' agenda recognizes that only businesses create real jobs, families work, and people will strive to improve their standard of living if they're given the opportunity," explains Peter Kirsanov, a labor attorney who wrote the report's section on employment policies.

More than a dozen African-American grassroots activists contributed to the report, which The National Center for Public Policy Research intends to publish annually.

Look out gangsta rappers!

by Chester Higgins, Sr.

Uh! Oh! Snop Doggy Dogg, Ice-T, Niggaz With Attitude! You Done Gone and Got Momma Mad! And anybody with smarts knows you should never get her started!

In a crowded Russell Senate Building, the National Political Congress of Black Women and its Entertainment Commission formally declared war on Gangsta rap and its filthy, misogynist lyrics.

C. Delores Tucker, who chairs the organization, flatly declared that this music is simply "not acceptable" to America's Black women and other decent Americans. She called it "pornography," pure and simple and introduced a baker's dozen of national Black organization leaders, including representative of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, the National Newspaper Publishers Association, the National Association of Black Broadcasters, the NAACP, the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority and others, who chorused a loud "Amen!" as they faced a forest of raised hands.

A local funeral director movingly underscored Dr.

Tucker's anguish by declaring he was burying four young blackstoday victims of the drugs-infused Gangsta Rap violent culture "and I don't want any more of this business." Washington, D.C., has been dubbed "The Murder Capital of the World." Already this year more than 400 murders have been committed as the city appears on its way to breaking its own bloody record. Most of the victims are young blacks killed by other blacks.

Joe Morgan, a board member of the NAACP and host of a popular radio talk show, said it is not sufficient for radio programs to block out offensive words "because kids listening can supply the censored words, and then go out and buy the record."

The NCPBW's Entertainment Committee is co-chaired by luminaries Melba Moore and Dionne Warwick, both internationally acclaimed artists and Terri Rossi, an entertainment industry executive. Dr. Tucker disclosed that U.S. Sen. Carol Moseley Braun (D-Ill.) has agreed to hold a Senate hearing on the controversial music that she calls simply "pornographic," early next year. She said support for her drive is gathering national momentum and coming from a number of surprising sources.

Looking at this well-dressed, highly educated, cul-

tured and sophisticated group of black women and their black male supporters, one begins to wonder what happened and when. How did such gross behavior—scatological talk engaged in only in the most private male circles when we were growing up—become common and more or less publicly accepted?

To raise the question can be an exercise in futility. Sophocles once said, "It's a sorrow to be wise when wisdom profits not." Black music is America's only popular indigenous music, accepted with reverence, globally. Travel anywhere in the world, as I have, and you'll discover the truth of this.

The old field slave "holer" songs give little clue. Nor do early blues, jazz, which began in the bordellos of New Orleans contained just, insinuating lyrics and, indeed the word "jazz" itself, suggested a double meaning not to be explained in polite company. But nothing explicit like gangsta rap.

Gospel played an often happy road to the celestial hereafter. Nothing suggestive there. Scat singing, ala Hendrix and Bobby McFerrin, is a rapid, stylistically staccato delivery style, pleasing to the ear, but containing no hint of early gangsta rap porno.

Mr. B. was a wonderful balladeer, so was Nat King

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Newark auto auction agrees to settle fraud charges with \$100,000 fine

NEWARK—A Newark auto auction charged in June with fraud, misrepresentation, and deceptive advertisement has agreed to pay the state \$100,000 in penalties, costs, and restitution to settle the case, Attorney General Fred DeVesa and Consumer Affairs Director Emma Byrne announced today.

New Jersey Public Auto Auction (also known as Newark Airport Public Auto Auction), which closed its doors shortly after the charges were filed, will pay the state \$35,000 within 30 days, with the balance spread out over monthly payments of \$2,000. In addition, it is licensed to sell used vehicles has been revoked, and defen-

But in many cases, these consumers were sold cars that couldn't even be driven off the auction lot. Attorney General Fred DeVesa

dant Patrick Kieran, the president and sole owner, is prohibited from participating in the used car business in New Jersey for two years. Of the total penalties, \$40,000 will be set aside for a restitution fund. Defendant Mike Parnes, also known as "Mad Mike" the auctioneer, agreed in a separate settlement to pay \$7,500 in penalties, costs and restitution and is prohibited from being involved in the used car business in New Jersey for five years. For

two of those five years, Parnes is enjoined from being involved in any automotive business in New Jersey.

"These defendants preyed on consumers who had no ill afford to throw away their hard-earned money on cars that didn't work," said DeVesa. "But in many cases, these consumers were sold cars that couldn't even be driven off the auction lot. As a result of this settlement, the 163 consumers who filed complaints will receive some money back."

"It was virtually impossible for consumers to get a fair deal at the New Jersey Public Auto Auction," Byrne said. "Consumers were not permitted to inspect locked cars, they were sold cars that wouldn't pass state inspection, and they were lured in by advertisements that were false and misleading. At New Jersey Consumer Affairs, we know that the cost of owning a car is one of the biggest expenses for this state's residents. We want to help keep down that cost by actively pursuing those businesses that won't play by the rules."

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Last hired first fired, again

by William Reed

Federal officials claim they don't know if racial bias is at the root of the problem, but in a 1992 study, agencies of the federal government fired minority workers almost three times the rate that they fired white workers. According to a report from the Office of Personnel Management (OPM), blacks' ongoing claims of workplace discrimination have now been proven to be statistically true.

Recently released OPM data

shows that minority workers were fired at a rate of 10.2 per 1,000 employees, while whites in the federal workplace were fired at a rate of only 3.7 per 1,000 workers. Stories of harassment of black men, in particular, were borne out by figures which showed that minority men were dismissed at the highest rate of all races and genders. The study showed that 13 minority men per 1,000 employees were dismissed by federal managers. That is three times more than white men who were fired at a rate of 4.0 per 1,000.

While blacks make up 12.3 per-

cent of the nation's population, minorities make up 28 percent of the federal government's civilian work force. Nearly 2.2 million employees make up the government's employee body. During 1992, nearly 12,000 federal workers were fired and 52 percent of these were members of minority groups. The ratio of discharge of minority workers was 7.9 per 1,000. The rate for white workers was 3.1 per 1,000.

Although the disparity in government firings existed at all pay grades, some of the greatest difference involved firings of low-level and

clerical workers. In the lowest five civil service pay grades, for example, minorities were fired at twice the rate of whites. The data revealed that the majority of minority workers who were fired were white-collar, in their first year on the job or classified as temporary hires. Minorities were dismissed at higher rates than whites for misconduct. They were dismissed at the rate of 3.1 per 1,000 workers for misconduct, while whites were fired at 0.9 per 1,000 rate.

OPM Director James King said he could not explain why the numbers show a disproportionate number of firings of minority workers, but compared the statistics to a "smoke detector going off. I know that something is wrong. But the smoke detector doesn't tell me the cause or how to keep the fire out." King pledged that, "We're going to find the source of the problem and fix it." During the Bush Administration many of the firings occurred on the watch of an African American, Constance Newman, who was director of OPM.

William Clay, a member of the Congressional Black Caucus from St. Louis, is Chairman of the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee. He said that he has asked the General Accounting Office to review the OPM statistics. "If these numbers are true, it is alarming that minorities make up a disproportionate share of terminations and discharges in some categories. This could mean that minorities are being treated unfairly, and I think a closer look at the data is warranted to ensure that the principles of equality under the law are being applied in the review of the data."

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Beat the no heat blues Without the use of Kerosene Heaters

NEWARK—Winter has arrived and with it comes calls from area residents who have no heat. Newark's division of inspections and enforcement has released tips to help residents beat the no heat blues. The division has published these hints in a booklet that is available to the public at no charge in room B12 of City Hall.

Before calls are made to the City, information in the "Beat the No Heat Blues" pamphlet suggests contacting your building's superintendent to determine the cause of the heat failure and allowing a reasonable amount of time for the problem to be corrected.

The Newark heating ordinance states that when a landlord is con-

tracted to provide heat, the service must be supplied to all habitable rooms from October 1 through May 1. If the dwelling is heated by a central furnace, boiler or other apparatus, or if there are heating outlets, radiators, risers or returns in any dwelling, the presumption exists that heat will be supplied (The presumption will not exist in cases where a complete heating system serves only one dwelling).

Owners providing heat must maintain indoor temperatures of at least 68 degrees Fahrenheit between the hours of 6 a.m. and 11 p.m., and 65 degrees Fahrenheit between the hours of 11 p.m. and 6 a.m., according to Pablo Fonseca, manager of the division of inspections and enforcement.

According to the pamphlet put out by his office, it is the oven to heat the house important not to overload circuits, or overuse conductors by plugging 15 AMP fuses with 30 AMP wires waiting for heat to be provided.

The Newark Municipal Council, at the urging of Mayor Sharpe James, adopted an ordinance against the use of kerosene heaters. "They are not only extremely dangerous, but using them is against the law," he cautioned.

If the problem continues despite the tenants' efforts to resolve it with his landlord, individuals are then urged to call the Division of Inspections at 733-6471 or 733-6481. Residents should be prepared to provide the owner's name and telephone number.

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Plainfield, NJ 07060

National News at a glance

by Robert N. Taylor

Mandela among four 'men of the year': Time Magazine has included South African black leader Nelson Mandela as one of its four "Men of the Year" for 1993. Mandela was chosen for his work to bring both peace and majority rule to racially torn white-ruled South Africa. The other three men of the year are current South African President F. W. deKlerk, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Palestinian Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat. For their efforts to bring peace to strife-torn areas of the world, the magazine's editors said they "reasserted the principle that leaders matter; that an individual's vision, courageously and persuasively and intelligently pursued, can overcome the rather unimaginative human preference for war." Time's first "Man of the Year" was aviator Charles Lindbergh in 1927. President Clinton was chosen last year. —NEW YORK, NY

Mike Tyson begins complicated process to reverse rape conviction: "This could very well be the mechanism by which Mike Tyson is freed from prison." Those were the words used to describe new legal efforts to reverse the rape conviction of ex-heavyweight boxing champion Mike Tyson. Tyson was convicted of raping Miss Black America contestant Desiree Washington in an Indianapolis hotel room in 1991. He is currently serving a 90-day sentence. His legal victory last week came when the Indiana Court of Appeals granted him a new hearing in which he will be able to argue that Washington invented the rape story in order to sue him for a large amount of money. He will also argue that prosecutors knew of her plans to sue him. Tyson lost an earlier appeal last August. No date has been set for the new appeal hearing. —INDIANAPOLIS, IN

Farrakhan, NAACP come to Michael Jackson's aid: In recent days several black groups have accused the major media of giving "unfair" or "excessive" coverage to allegations that pop music superstar Michael Jackson sexually molested a 13-year-old boy. Among the most prominent to denounce the media coverage, have been black Muslim leader Louis Farrakhan and the NAACP. West Coast NAACP Director Shannon Reeves told a Los Angeles news conference, "This is not only about Michael Jackson but about how the media uses its power to continue to aid in the oppression and degradation of African Americans." Meanwhile, Farrakhan told a crowd of over 20,000 in New York City: "The powers that be can't stand to see Michael Jackson politically aware and using his money for the advancement of his people." Jackson has denied that he sexually molested the 13-year-old boy. But, his sister, LaToya Jackson recently told an Israeli news conference she believed the allegations against her brother. —LOS ANGELES, CA

Blacks accuse white cosmetic firms of deception: A group of 19 black-owned hair care products companies are accusing white hair and cosmetic firms of using deceptive advertising to lure African American customers to their products. Estimates vary, but it is believed white firms such as Revlon and Alberto-Culver have already captured up to half of the nearly \$400 million black hair care market. But the black firms, all members of the Chicago-based American Health and Beauty Aids Institute (AHBAI), accuse white firms of using black slang and images to hide the fact that they are white-owned. Corner Cottrell of black-owned Pro-Line Corp. says AHBAI is promoting a "buy black" campaign because "There is quite a bit of deception in the marketplace." However, the white firms counter they were criticized when they did not make products for blacks and now they are being criticized for making them. —CHICAGO, IL

South African parliament officially ends white rule: The white South African parliament approved an interim constitution last week, which officially ended centuries of white minority rule in the majority black country. The vote was 237 to 45. Multi-racial elections set for April 27. These elections are expected to result in African National Congress President Nelson Mandela becoming the country's first black president. However, the transition to democracy still faces opposition from conservative whites who are demanding a separate "whites only nation." In addition, some black groups oppose the elections. They claim Mandela is a socialist and will have too much power. —CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA

Columbianblacks face heart-wrenching racism

State denies they even exist

by Michael J. Franklin

The Atrato river glides through Colombia with the ease of a giant serpent whose prominence in the landscape is secure. At least 300 years before either Columbus or his venture, the Atrato may have welcomed Africans to its rich, drain-drenched tributaries. Africoid heads and the pre-Columbian Piri Re's composite maps suggest an early African presence. But any ancient welcome to blacks is long gone from this place. Along the Atrato and all over Colombia, millions of descendants of enslaved Africans live in a society which denies their very existence and places them in precarious jeopardy.

Nowhere is this more evident than in the city of Quibdo, a predominantly black community of 150,000 at the confluence of the Atrato and Quito rivers. In one section of the city, residents perch with their wooden shacks atop 15 feet stilts, above rank effluence and garbage. The streets are narrow, rail-less skways of deteriorating

wood and broken timbers scarcely able to support two adults walking side by side. Children play aimlessly amid the gaping holes and share their space with brightly-colored clothes on wash days. At night the unlighted paths bring terror to both parents and children. It is a place where hard work brings little reward and early death.

Colombia's big secret is that hundreds of such communities exist, all but abandoned by the government in Bogotá. In Charco Azul, a black tugurio (ghetto) outside the city of Cali, up to 15 people share two-tier shacks of 14 feet by eight feet. There are no basic services: running water, electricity, or sewerage. Afro-Indians who live alongside Charco Azul have constructed a high wall around the community to keep out the slum dwellers, an act considered dehumanizing by residents of the community, one they say is reminiscent of apartheid.

In fact, the term apartheid, is gaining currency among black intellectuals and in Colombia's oppressed black communities. Juan de Dios Mosquera, president of Movimiento

Cimarron, Colombia's largest black organization, asserts that "Colombia is an apartheid state. Politics and economics are controlled by a white minority group in Bogotá which purposefully excludes blacks." The tugurios belt out this new-found understanding in no uncertain terms using a heady fusion of reggae and rap music to ensure that the message is popularized.

The sentiments of musicians are echoed by young activists. According to a young man working in Charco Azul,

"Colombia is much better organized than apartheid in South Africa, because in Colombia, they do not draw world attention by applying discriminatory laws."

However, while no direct discriminatory laws may exist, the absence of legal protection from racism produces the same results as in South Africa. Blacks know their place and will tell you they are not welcome in certain stores, neighborhoods and entertainment places. They are ex-

cluded from participation in mid or high-level occupations in the diplomatic corps, church, armed forces and in international organizations such as the World Bank, The Organization of American States and the Inter-American Development Bank. Mosquera's organization estimates that while the black population may be as high as 60 percent, expenditures by the federal government in black communities are well below amounts spent in non-black communities.

CWA president challenges privatization of welfare

NEWARK—Re-elected president of the Communications Workers of America, David Weiner names stopping privatization of the welfare system as an immediate challenge. "We urge the governor-elect to investigate the underlying policy behind the State Department of Human Service's moves towards privatization of the Family Development Program in the Essex County Divi-

sion of Welfare." He charges that, "The governor will find that certain key individuals have been profiting politically from this practice of privatizing the management of the Family Development Program of both general assistance and Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC). In addition, welfare privatization

jeopardizes the advancements minorities have made through government employment. Under a privatized system, they will lack union and civil service protections.

"Other efforts at privatization of government services have resulted in waste, fraud and corruption which ultimately ends up costing the tax-

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Pathmark Items available at Pathmark Supermarkets with a Pharmacy Dept. or Free Standing Drug Stores. Prices effective thru Jan. 15, 1994. *Checkmark means a Yellow Tag Sale. 	Optimum Care Light Control Moisture Rich or Nourishment "Where Available" 	Baby Love Moist Hair Dress Creme Lotion 8 oz. pint. "Where Available" 	African Royal Mink Oil Gel Hair & Scalp Daily Dr. Leave-in Conditioner 8 oz. cont. "Where Available" 	Creme of Nature Shampoo or Conditioner 15 oz. bid. "Where Available" 	Pro Line Soft & Beautiful Relaxer Kit "Where Available" 	Optimum Care Relaxer One Application "Where Available" 
PCJ Relaxer Kit One Application "Where Available" 	Duke Texturizing Kit One Application "Where Available" 	Flex-all 454 Maximum Strength 3 oz. cont. "Where Available" 	Ensure Pudding 5 oz. 4 pk. 	Oxy Pads Maximum Strength or Sensitive 50 ct. cont. 	L'Oréal Preference Assorted Shades 1 kit, pkg. 	Alcon Flex-Care 12 oz. cont. 
Alcon Opti-Clean Daily Cleaner 7 1/2 oz. cont. 	Alcon Opti-Clean II 7 1/2 oz. cont. 	Alcon Opti-Free 8 oz. cont. 	Alcon Opti-Free Daily Cleaner 7 1/2 oz. cont. 	Alcon Opti-Free Enzymatic Cleaner 6 oz. cont. 	Alcon Opti-Tears 15 ml. cont. 	Alcon Opti-Zyme Enzymatic Cleaner 24 ct. cont. 
Alcon Opti-Free Rewetting Drops 7 1/2 oz. cont. 	Chewable Tylenol Junior Strength 24 ct. bid. 	Tylenol Junior Strength 30 ct. bid. 	Tylenol Extra Strength 50 ct. bid. 	Tylenol Extra Strength PM Gelscaps 20 ct. bid. 	Tylenol Extra Strength PM Caplets 24 ct. bid. 	Tylenol Extra Strength PM Tablets 24 ct. bid. 
Alcon Opti-Free \$5.29 	Chewable Tylenol Junior Strength \$5.29 	Tylenol Junior Strength \$5.29 	Tylenol Extra Strength \$6.29 	Tylenol Extra Strength PM Gelscaps \$4.89 	Tylenol Extra Strength PM Caplets \$4.89 	Tylenol Extra Strength PM Tablets \$4.89 
L'Oréal Frost and Design Kit 1 kit, pkg. 	Imodium A-D Caplets 6 ct. pkg. 	Imodium A-D Liquid 2 oz. bid. 	Mylanta Gelscaps 24 ct. bid. 	Oxy Pads Regular Strength 50 ct. cont. 	Oxy Residon't 8 oz. cont. 	Oxy Soap 3.25 oz. bar 
Oxy Night Watch Maximum Strength 2 oz. cont. 	Oxy 10 Tinted or Vanish 1 oz. cont. 	Oxy 10 Wash 4 oz. cont. 	Oxy 5 1 oz. cont. 	Oxy Clean Cleanser 4 oz. cont. 	Summer's Eve Wash 8 oz. cont. 	Summer's Eve Powder 7 oz. cont. 
Oxy Night Watch \$6.09 	Oxy 10 Tinted or Vanish \$6.09 	Oxy 10 Wash \$6.09 	Oxy 5 \$5.29 	Oxy Clean Cleanser \$3.59 	Summer's Eve Wash \$3.09 	Summer's Eve Powder \$3.09 
Summer's Eve Cleansing Cloths 16 ct. pkg. 	Summer's Eve Bath 11.5 ct. cont. 	Summer's Eve Body Bar 3.5 oz. 	Softmate Concept I 8 oz. cont. 	Softmate Concept II 12 oz. square bid. 	Serenity Guards 14 ct. Light, 12 ct. Regular, 10 ct. Super or 8 ct. Super Plus 	Serenity Guards 36 ct. Regular, 30 ct. Super or 24 ct. Super Plus 
Summer's Eve Cleansing Cloths \$2.19 	Summer's Eve Bath \$3.29 	Summer's Eve Body Bar \$1.89 	Softmate Concept I \$7.29 	Softmate Concept II \$7.89 	Serenity Guards \$6.69 	Serenity Guards \$19.99 

OPINION

EDITORIAL

1994 elected officials must live up to Promises

What are African Americans to do when the leaders they elect, won't act in the best interest of their community?

There are countless examples of Black elected officials who recognize that government has played an important role in creating the climate and conditions to improve life for African Americans. Likewise, these leaders have used their time in office to make important improvements for the common good of their community. On the other hand, there are countless examples of ego maniacs who feel they have been elected to prove that they will and only they will be done. Forget the community, forget improvements that will benefit the next generation. "Let me have my way or nobody will benefit!" is the signature of these "lost leaders." It is to them that the Black community holds Black elected official accountable for their actions or lack of action. We have got to demand more and get it.

The Mayor and City Council in Plainfield must work together in the best interest of Plainfield as they do in any city that progresses. It is incumbent upon the mayor to give the council every opportunity to review appointments and provide advice and consent in a responsible manner. Likewise the mayor and citizens have the right to expect that the council will give the mayor a chance to appoint the team he needs to accomplish his mission.

Citizens of urban communities can no longer afford to sit by while communities deteriorate, crime increases, illegal drugs go unchecked, taxes skyrocket, while local elected officials in ministries political posturing. Citizens must let elected officials know that 1994 is not going to be "business as usual."

We encourage you to speak out on this page of City News. Let us know when elected officials are making a positive difference and let us know when you think they are not. We all have to make government work.

The economics of crime in black America

by William Reed

Crime costs American society \$425 billion each year. Crime in American tragedy, especially for blacks. African-Americans are disproportionately both perpetrators and victims of criminal violence. Some 14 million serious crimes were reported to the police last year, and a disproportionate number of these crimes occurred in urban, and mostly black, areas. Blacks make up 12 percent of the nation's population, but we are almost half the country's prison admissions. Nearly one in four of black America's valuable young black male population is languishing somewhere in the criminal justice system.

Homicide is the leading cause of death among black youth, the National Medical Association (NMA) has labeled violence as being at epidemic proportions for us. As black America continues to lose jobs, tax base and valuable human resources to the forces of crime, we are becoming morally and financially bankrupt.

We must do something ourselves to combat the problem of crime. Fear of crime stalks every inner-city street. Martin Luther King Avenue in any city has its own recent history of killing fields. What's even more discouraging is that black crime has become so pervasive in many inner cities even so black politicians have gained power. The black hope of the 1980s for "political power" has turned into a collection of elected black mayors and council members, and their appointed police chiefs, wringing their hands and wondering what to do. At a recent meeting of big city mayors, all of them stated that crime should top the domestic agenda and be given political priority equivalent to that of health care reform or NAFTA. These mayors noted that

drugs account for approximately 70 percent of crimes.

If we want to do something to help our community we can do something about the drug problem. If we want drugs more black youth would be at home instead of in prison. If not for drugs, guns wouldn't be flowing into the hands of our youth. The multi-billion-dollar drug industry is the root cause of wanton killings of thousands of black youth. Even the nation's Surgeon General, Dr. Joycelyn Elders, has said that it is probable that the decriminalization of drugs will decrease the number and level of crime and violent incidents in our cities.

Less than eight years ago, the discussion among blacks centered on the high rate of unemployment among African-American youth and what they "needed" to do about the problem. Now, that has all changed. Not that employment in corporate America has increased for blacks, or that the current generation of black fathers and mothers have created a situation where we now provide employment opportunities for them.

The rewards for honest work for the less-educated has fallen below what it was in the 1980s, and the payoff for crime has risen. In the 1990s, explosive growth in the drug trade, and other illegal pursuits, offers jobs and lots of money. A 1989 survey of youth crime in Boston shows that the average hourly pay from crime ranged from \$9.75 to \$19 an hour (and no taxes), versus the \$5.60 an hour that youth earn from legitimate work.

To make the economics and values of our communities go up, each of us will have to rebuild our communities. It is our responsibility to build better family networks, get our own educated, provide jobs and training for our youth, and get our elected officials to study what effect legalizing some drugs will have on crime where we live. Crime cost us too much, we can't continue to wait for "them" to help us out of this state of insolvency.



by Connie Woodruff

After paying his debt to society (three years) Roger "Doc" Fields is on the loose again according to a New York daily.

I can just imagine Roger oozing with the charm he wears like a medal of honor. This means that some folks in New York will be in a lot of trouble before Doc Fields leaves town, again.

It's reported Fields was drawn to mayor-elect Rudy Giuliani's camp like a bee to honey. That makes sense. Roger seems to have a special affinity to politicians—especially those who win.

We haven't heard whether or not Roger is posing as a millionaire as he did when he moved in on unsuspecting folks in East Orange, but you can bet whatever the genial, jovial prankster is up to he's doing it with class. Nothing but the best will do for Doc Fields. He knows how to go to the gold and get it by any means necessary.

When Harold "Chink" Wing took his final bow, it was not before a wildly applauding crowd as it had been most of his life, but in a ward in St. Michael's Hospital. He was 66.

At the height of musical career that took him around the world, Mr. Wing, an accomplished drummer, pianist and composer-arranger, had played with many artists like James Moody, Billie Holiday, Redd Foxx and Billy Eckstine. His career spanned more than 50 years since he began composing at age nine in Newark's old Third Ward where he grew up.

by Sharon Khadijah Vincent

The petty bickering and fighting that is going on between political rivals in local cities and towns, and at the state and national levels, threatens to impede real progress and possible opportunities for the collective benefit of the majority of citizens. With the start of the new year and the swearing in of several new legislatures, many hope that there can be some compromises made for the sake of the people and the improvement of the quality of life for all.

Unfortunately, far too many individuals who are supposedly "leaders" are so absorbed in their own ego that they can not get past their own individualism. And most importantly, on what's in the best interests of the constituency they are responsible for representing. Many,

No to legalized drugs

by Gentry W. Trotter

For many years the so-called "extreme liberals" have been coming out of the closet touting the legalization of illegal drugs. The new Surgeon General, Dr. M. Joycelyn Elders, opened up the can of worms again while raising the question of such a possibility.

The legalization of drugs is, purely and simply, not the way to go. While there have been debates by doctors, law enforcement and the judicial community, safety of both the mind and body of our youth, and the future of America, is at stake.

The basic belief that this would curb violence in the streets is not realistic. Keeping the costs down, or having a bidding war between gang leaders and/or drug kingpins, will create devastating and violent retribution. And most importantly, however cheap and easy it is, the selling of drugs over the counter will still result in crime. Specifically, since black America is shut out of fully participating at the

None of his classmates at Chilton Street School ever dreamed Chink would grow up to compose songs that would be recorded by Errol Garner, Ella Fitzgerald and groups like the Orioles.

He got a lot from Newark like motivation and a showmanship demeanor from the late Charles (Brother) Kelly, a superb homegrown drummer and when he ventured to New York where he was influenced by drummer Art Blakey, he was on his way.

In return, Wing shared his talent with Newarkers like the late Teddy Powell when he led the house band at Powell's Holiday Inn, bringing in many top entertainers making musical history in the 1950s.

His Decca, Savoy and Blue Note records are collector's items. But until a month ago he could be heard regularly during the lunch hour at Je's Restaurant in Newark.

His mourning survivors include his mother, Alberta Kennedy, Harold Wing, Make Wing and Hale Wing, and three grandchildren. He retired as the musical director of Newark's Division of Recreation and Cultural Affairs in 1990, but as a member of Essex County Musicians' Local 16, he kept busy playing with local groups.

The death of another Newarker, James (Jimmy) Treadwell, an activist labor leader sent shock waves through the community.

He was born in Jacksonville,

Fla., but had lived most of his 71 years in Newark and was involved in numerous city affairs.

Treadwell was best known as the leader of Local 699 of the International Hod Carriers of Newark. Before his retirement in 1991 Treadwell served as the union's president for over 30 years and urged its membership and financial support of numerous community programs and projects.

Treadwell was never hesitant to take up the cause of the underdog. He was an active life member of the Newark branch NAACP, holding office from time to time, and when James Farmer enlisted trade union help in organizing the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), he found Jimmy Treadwell willing to follow Newarkers like Jimmy Hooper and Bob Curvin to get the Newark chapter off the ground.

A strong advocate of Democratic Party principles, President Lyndon Johnson's War on Poverty was tailor made for Treadwell participation, and he became an active member of the South Ward's Area Building 9. A life-long Democrat, he gave many, many years of service as the district leader for the 29th district and was a quiet but determined advocate for the election of Ken Gibson as Newark's first African-American mayor.

Treadwell served as a commissioner of the Newark Planning Board under Gibson and Mayor Sharpe James. He was also one of the early trade unionists to join Dr. Martin Luther King's civil rights crusade as

an active participant on many marches, including the historic March on Washington, represented by a large contingent of Newark Hod Carrier union members.

Jimmy Treadwell was one of those men who had a steady determination to do the right thing. He often said discipline was drilled into him when he was a member of the CCCs in the 1930s and during his service in the Army, during World War II when he took up boxing, and won a welterweight division title in France.

He seldom talked about his involvement in benefits for youth groups like Boys and Girls Clubs, The Leaguers, and the South Ward Little League. But when The Leaguers built a new headquarters on Clinton Avenue, Treadwell persuaded a team of Hod Carriers to donate their time and talent to the effort and when the city threatened to close neighborhood libraries, union families were in the line of protest.

When Newarkers talk about unsung heroes, the name of James Treadwell should be front and center to be remembered and honored for his many years of service and contributions.

Funeral services were officiated by St. James A.M.E. Church where the family worshipped for many years. He is survived by his widow, Beatrice, a son, Rodney Jerome, a daughter, Mrs. Antoinette Treadwell-Miller, two brothers, Walter Whitehead and Leonard Treadwell, three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Get involved in running your city

deliberately, stand in the way of change and progress because they are bitter, angry and hurt at perceived or real deeds done against them.

There isn't any shortage of amateurish or childish behavior on display at local city council or committee meetings. Some of our elected officials allow their personal animosity and dislike for each other to get in the way of objectively dealing with issues.

This has caused some to vote for against important items that directly impact thousands of people, not for their legitimate merits, but, purely for subjective or personal reasons. It generally is safe to say, that where widespread incompetence and bad government exists, you will usually find these common factors at work.

The only way this nonsense will stop, is if the people take a more vigilant role in their government. Your presence at city council meetings, board of education meetings or local town meetings is essential and necessary. Even if you commit yourself to attending one of these meetings a few times during this year, that will have an enormous impact on the quality of government and services which you receive.

Being at these meetings and witnessing the actual machinations of your so-called leaders will prove to be more educational and informative than any reports or articles you will be able to read about in the newspapers or magazines. Nothing beats being there, and witnessing the events first hand.

Many people say that they don't have the time to come out to any of these meetings; some say they are too tired and don't want to be bothered. But, if you want your local leaders to be responsive to your needs and demands, it is essential that they understand that you intend to monitor their actions and behaviors and that they will be held accountable for their actions.

for decisions made. The failure of citizens to keep this pressure on their political leaders, results in abuse of power and arrogant leaders who act out of individual selfishness and greed.

There is a lot of work involved in maintaining a democracy. Those who want to be lazy and sit back and wait for others to do the work for them, inevitably find themselves at someone else's mercy. If you haven't been proactive prior to now, you should put this at the top of your new year's resolution list. You can help government work better, because all power resides in you, the people.

It's up to all of us to keep our representatives responsive to our demands and needs. Tell those who are ego-tripping, abusing their power and standing in the way of real progress to stop it! If they do not listen to the people's demands, then let them know that they will not be allowed to continue representing you. If change is going to take place, then that's how it's going to happen. Make 1994, the year when you will take control and reaffirm the cry of "Power to the People!"

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KIDS Kalendar

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8

NEWARK—The Newark Museum presents Family Theatre: "Magic Fishbone" with Philadelphia Theatre Caravan. 2 p.m. in the Billy Johnson Auditorium. For more info, call 201-596-6550.

NYC—Jazz at Lincoln presents Jazz for Young people, hosted by Wynton Marsalis. For ticket information call Centercharge at 212-721-6500, or contact the Alice Tully Hall box office at 60th and Broadway.

JANUARY 15-17

CONVEY ISLAND—Learn about Aquarium for Wildlife Conservation's penguins and their habitat. Children dress in penguin costumes, admitted free when accompanied by a paying adult. For more info call 718-265-FISH.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16

NEWARK—The Newark Museum presents the Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Concert 5 p.m. in the Billy Johnson Auditorium. For more info, call 201-596-6550.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 18

PLAINFIELD—The Parent Resource Center of Plainfield Public Schools sponsors a S.A.T. Workshop at Plainfield High School from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 25

SUMMIT—The New Jersey Center for Visual Arts presents "Cartooning: People and Animals" Workshop (ages 6-10). This beginners workshop will teach cartooning techniques, in addition to some popular cartoon characters. For more information call 908-273-9121.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 29

SUMMIT—At the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts "Comic Book Art" Workshop (ages 9-14). If you love comic books and want to learn how to put a comic strip together—come join the fun. All materials are provided. 2-3:30 p.m. For more information call 908-273-9121.

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EWING TWP.—Michael Frierson (left) of Newark, NJ, a junior English major at Trenton State College, accepts the Multicultural Program Award from TSC Dean of Student Life William Klepper, at the college's annual Feast of the Golden Lion holiday and awards banquet. Frierson accepted the award on behalf of the Black Student Union, which sponsored the program, "Speak Out: A Forum on Discrimination and Oppression on Campus." The Multicultural Award is presented to the student organization that best promotes the college's goal of diversity through its programming. The awards banquet honors all student leaders on campus and their organizations' advisors.

4-H Club Saturday fun for kids

WESTFIELD—If your 1st or 2nd grader like doing a variety of hands-on, fun activities, then he or she should join the new Union County 4-H Prep Club. The children will have a great time while they make new friends and enhance their self-confidence.

The first meeting of the Union County Prep Club will be on Saturday, January 8, 1994, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. The Club will meet every two weeks, from January through June, at the Union County Administrative services building, 300 North Avenue, East, in Westfield.

4-H Prep is a non-competi-

tive, introductory 4-H program for children. Each club consists of about six to 12 children, with two adult advisors. Children who join a prep club will plan activities around their interests. Some subjects that could be explored are nature, pet care, recreation and cooking. There is no cost to join 4-H except for materials. The fee for materials. The fee for the Union County Prep Club is \$10 per year, payable in advance, to Rutgers Cooperative Extension, 300 North Avenue, East, Westfield, N.J. 07090. For more information, contact James Nichandowicz, Union County 4-H Agent, at 908-654-9854.

Passport to New Jersey

TRENTON—Students will begin to explore the state's cultural and historical attractions when the third annual New Jersey Division of Travel & Tourism's Passport To New Jersey program is introduced in February.

Students will receive bright red "passports" that entitle them to discounted admissions at more than 80 museums, historic sites, working farms, and other attractions around the state from February 1 through April 29. Passport holders who get their passports stamped at two or more sites are eligible to enter a statewide essay contest in which they describe what they discovered with their Passport to New Jersey.

Essays will be judged on the local, regional and state levels. Three

grand prize winners (one each in grades K-2, 3-4 and 5-6) will each receive a \$500 savings bond and other prizes at an awards ceremony in June. Regional essay contest winners will also be awarded prizes donated by participating attractions and program sponsors.

According to G. Gerard Kauper, acting director of the New Jersey Division of Travel & Tourism, "Passport To New Jersey is an opportunity for students and their families to discover our state's rich history and culture." Based on the excitement, interest and enthusiasm demonstrated in past years by students, teachers, attractions and sponsors, we expect the third annual Passport To New Jersey to be a great

success."

Sponsors of the program are Division of Travel & Tourism, McDonald's, Public Service Electric & Gas Company (PSE&G) and New Jersey Bell Yellow Pages.

The passports will be made available at elementary schools and McDonald's throughout the state on February 1. A McDonald's bonus coupon, which when validated at one attraction, can be redeemed at any participating McDonald's for a free cheeseburger, french fries and child-size soda, is included in all passports. For more information on the Passport To New Jersey program, contact Karen Shaffer at 609-633-7287 or Beth Harris at 201-539-0300.



WAYNE—The Board of Directors of the William Paterson College foundation presented a check for \$5,000 to the Office of Minority Education to its Book Fund. Gathered for the presentation are (from left to right), Ana Clara-Rivera; director of EOF, Henry Gardner; assistant vice president of minority education, Sol Goldberg; representing the Foundation's board of directors, students Dennis Roberts and Lisette Garcia and Joseph Tanis; director of the Foundation. The Minority book foundation is used to assist EOF students in the purchasing of textbooks.

Comic relief for homeless kids

NEWARK—A "Kids for Comic Relief" concert/party will be held at the Newark Symphony Hall on Wednesday January 12. The concert is being held to provide enjoyment for children who reside in the shelters within the greater Newark area. Entertainment will be provided by headline talent as well as local comedians. This program is the only

one of its kind nationally and is being showcased as a model to be replicated in other areas of the country. The event will feature comedians such as Darryl Browner, Mary Dimino, Leighann Lord and Marques, "the Greatest". For further information contact SISTA's Communications at 212-560-0185 or the Newark Homeless Health Care Project at 201-733-5300.

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JANUARY 5

HOBOKEN—Projected Images of Hudson County presents the showing of *Indochina* directed by Regis Wargnier. For more information call 201-217-4077.

NYC—Sir Roland Hanna, piano, with Eddie Locke, drums; Paul West, bass will be at Down Beat, 70 Grove St at 7th Av. For more information call (212) 620-4000.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 7

PRINCETON—The New Jersey Symphony Orchestra will perform during a series that features Musica Sacra, Rochelle Ellis, Beverly Hoch, and Peter Kazars at the Richardson Auditorium at 8:30 p.m. For more info, call 201-624-8203.

METUCHEN—The Forum Theatre presents the musical *Hello Muddah, Hello Faddah* until January 16. For more info, call 908-548-0582.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8

NEW BRUNSWICK—A clinical psychologist leads George Street Playhouse audiences on a journey into the mind of a young student with multiple personalities in *Tangents* for ticket info, call 908-245-7717.

NEW BRUNSWICK—The New Jersey Symphony Orchestra will perform during a series that features Musica Sacra, Rochelle Ellis, Beverly Hoch, and Peter Kazars at the State Theatre at 8:00 p.m. For more info, call 201-624-8203.

LINDEN—Linden Summer Playhouse presents its 11th annual Cabaret Night at the Reformed Church of Linden. Tickets in advance are \$5. For more information call: Donna Ortiz at 499-0271.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9

HOBOKEN—Projected Images of Hudson County presents the showing of *Household Saints*. Directed by Nancy Savoca. Refreshments will be served. Show will run for three days. For further information call 201-217-4077.

ENDLEWOOD—The New Jersey Symphony Orchestra will perform during a series that features Musica Sacra, Rochelle Ellis, Beverly Hoch, and Peter Kazars at the John Harms Center at 3:00 p.m. For more info, call 201-624-8203.

MONDAY, JANUARY 10

NYC—Jazz pianist/composer Marcus Roberts appears in the acclaimed Lincoln-Center Off Stage Conversation Series. Presented in the 10th floor Stanley H. Kaplan Penthouse of the Samuel B. and David Rose Building (165 West 65th Street) For ticket info, call 212-875-5440.

HAMPTON—The Hunterdon Hills Playhouse presents "Come Blow Your Horn" at the Hunterdon Hills Playhouse Shrine Theatre through March. For more info, call 1-800-HPP-7313.

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For additional information and mailing location: call: (908) 985-3176 or (212) 622-1043.



1994 Newark comic relief

NEWARK—Mario Joyner, of the MTV *Half-Hour Comedy Hour* will headline a line-up of talented stand-up comedians at the Newark "Comic Relief," VIP Reception and Comedy Concert, on January 12, 1994 at Newark Symphony Hall in the Terrace Ballroom. Proceeds from the concert will benefit the homeless of Newark.

The laugh-fest begins at 5:30 p.m. with the Circle of Gold VIP Reception hosted by Tonya Pinkins, the Tony Award-winning actress from *Jelly's Last Jam* and co-star of the daytime drama, *All My Children*. For further information and ticket prices please call 201-733-5300.

NEWARK—The African Heritage Movie Network (AHN), features *The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman*, as its January Movie of the Month—A Salute to Dr. King Holiday and the Civil Rights Movement. The movie, starring Cicely Tyson, is a two-hour drama of a fictional 110-year-old former slave (Tyson) who recounts her life story and black experience from the Civil War to the start of the civil rights movement.

Seagrams donate quarter million dollars to Dance Theatre of Harlem

NEW YORK CITY—Edgar Bronfman, Jr., President & Chief Operating Officer of Joseph E. Seagram & Sons, Inc., recently announced Seagram's \$250,000 donation to Dance Theatre of Harlem (DTH).

Dance Theatre of Harlem, under the artistic direction of Arthur Mitchell, has been a trailblazer since Mr. Mitchell founded the company to

showcase the artistry of black ballet dancers. Since its early days, DTH has been recognized for its artistic and social vision—establishing an international education network which includes an accredited school, extraordinary professional dance company and innovative outreach program, reaching thousands of young people each year.



James Earl Jones stars in the moving account of Montgomery, Alabama's "fire-breathing" preacher and orator Dr. Vernon Johns in *The Vernon Johns Story*, a two-hour television movie airing in January. Check local listings for date and time.

Photo by Glenvalley Cane-Syria

THE SCOOP

By Janice Malone

Hot Issue: The recent fires in Malibu, Laguna Beach and other posh areas of Southern California were very tragic. Usually when disasters of this magnitude occur in other places, L.A. producers waste no time in making TV movies of the week from these horrendous occurrences. They do this no matter how tragic or how severe the loss of life and property may be, or whether the families involved may oppose such movies. Now that a severe tragedy has directly hit the Hollywood elite, it will be interesting to see if any such TV movies result.

Coke On Coke: Did you see the interview Natalie Cole did in *Parade* magazine? Quite a good story. But, The Scoop was very surprised to read this quote in the article by Natalie, regarding her legendary father, Nat "King" Cole. "For a dark-skinned man such as my father to acquire a light-skinned woman such as my mother was a real important prize. Your status moved up. That doesn't mean that her family wasn't happy about her marrying my father. He was too black for them. Her mother was very socially conscious and she didn't want my mother to get involved with anyone with too many black characteristics, because then your children would look funny. It wasn't just my mother, it's the way many black people were raised..." (from *Parade*, Nov. 7, 1993).

The bad news is that this type of thinking continues to exist among blacks today. Unfortunately, too few of us are as open-minded as Ms. Cole.

Mo Models: Former super model actress Beverly Johnson's 14-year-old daughter Anassa, made her modeling debut at the recent New York City spring fashion shows. The tall and talented teen also signed her first modeling contract with a top agency a few months ago.

The Fox Sez: Robert Townsend's new show, *Townsend Television* has been canceled by the Fox Network. Look for other so-called black TV shows to also get the ax soon.

Northern Pickets: Canadian blacks in Toronto are protesting the revival of the 1927 Broadway musical *Showboat*, starring Lonette McKee. The protesters charge that the musical depicts blacks as being "lazy and irresponsible." The play is still drawing large crowds despite protest.

Jack's Picks: Did you see actor Walt Willey ("Black"), of *All My Children*, on a recent edition of VH-1? He was asked to select his favorite leading ladies among music videos. He chose the videos of Mariah Carey, En Vogue, Toni Braxton, Vanessa Williams and Taylor Dayne (who sings like a "sistah," not to mention her full, pouty lips). Do you think Walt is trying to tell us something?

And Finally... Check out the new video from pop superstar Phil Collins, entitled *Both Sides of the Story*. Actual homeless people in New York were used in the video. Collins paid each of them \$120 a day for their time. He recorded the entire album at his home in Surrey, England.

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The New Jersey Transit Corporation (NJ TRANSIT) is conducting public hearings in order to gather information and receive comments from interested parties concerning program developments. The Senior Citizen and Disabled Resident Transportation Assistance Act (SCDRTAP) and the NJ TRANSIT Access Link Paratransit Plan Annual Update. A hearing will be held in each geographic region in accordance with Section 5 of P.L. 1984-578 of SCDRTAP and Section 137.13(c) of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) respectively. Each hearing will have an afternoon and evening session. The locations are in Freehold, Westampton and Newark, New Jersey in accordance with the statute.

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An interpreter for people who are deaf or have hearing impairments will be available. If you need information about transportation to the hearing, please contact NJ TRANSIT's Office of Special Services at 908-757-1772.

The public is invited to these hearings at which time they will have a full opportunity to express their views. In order to assure that all members of the public are given an opportunity to be heard, initial presentations will be limited to 15 minutes. If you are unable to attend any of the hearings, written comments for the record may be sent to Mr. Albert R. Hasbrouck, III, New Jersey Transit Corporation, One Penn Plaza East, Newark, New Jersey 07102-2199, by January 13, 1994. In accordance with the above statute, public hearings will be held as follows:

CENTRAL REGION
PLACE: Monmouth County Hall of Records
Freehold Meeting Room
Main Street
Freehold, New Jersey
DATE: January 11, 1994, Tuesday
TIME: 2:00 pm - Conclusion (Afternoon Session) and 6:00 pm - Conclusion (Evening Session)

SOUTHERN REGION
PLACE: Burlington County Human Services Building
Lecture Hall
Corner of Route #541 and Woodlane Road
Westampton, New Jersey
DATE: January 12, 1994, Wednesday
TIME: 2:00 pm Conclusion (Afternoon Session) and 6:00 pm Conclusion (Evening Session)

NORTHERN REGION
PLACE: New Jersey Transit Corporation
Board Room
One Penn Plaza East
Newark, New Jersey
DATE: January 13, 1994, Thursday
TIME: 2:00 pm Conclusion (Afternoon Session) and 6:00 pm Conclusion (Evening Session)

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Copies may be obtained at the office of Robins Engineering, Inc. located at 54 Birch Ave., Little Silver, N.J. 07739 upon payment of \$50.00 for each set. Any unsuccessful bidder, upon returning such set promptly and in good condition, will be refunded his payment.

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The R.F.P. documents are on file and may be examined at the Administrative Office of the Authority located at 737 Lincoln Blvd., Glassboro, New Jersey. The successful candidate should have demonstrated skills in preparing publicity notices, writing and organizing athletic leagues. A Bachelor's Degree in Recreation Administration, Physical Education or related field is required. In addition, a valid NJ drivers license is necessary. Apply: Personnel Office, Township of Montclair, 205 Claremont Avenue, Montclair, NJ 07042. Closing January 18, 1994.

Proposals are due to The Authority Administrative Offices no later than Friday, January 7, 1994 at 4:00 PM prevailing time.

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LEGAL NOTICE

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Housing Authority of the Town of Secaucus, New Jersey will accept proposals for Architectural/Engineering services in order to convert existing roof area into a recreational seating area 600 County Avenue, Secaucus, NJ. All services must comply with state and local laws and be in accordance with the existing rules, orders, directives, regulations and handbooks promulgated by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The services that are requested will be as follows:

1. Analyze the existing roof in order to determine the exact modifications necessary to make the roof a wearing surface.

2. Meet with the Board of Commissioners in order to discuss all proposed modifications and to receive their input prior to preparation of the public bidding documents.

3. Prepare written cost estimates of the proposed renovations.

4. Prepare the public bidding documents necessary to secure prices for the roof conversion in accordance with the NJ Local Public Contracts Law and federal procurement requirements.

5. Review public bids and make a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners concerning the lowest responsible bidder.

6. Attend meetings of the Authority's Board of Commissioners and meetings with Authority staff which are relevant to the project.

7. Review and approve the selected contractor's shop drawings and related construction documents.

8. Perform all services required of the architect as set forth in the standard form of contract as prescribed by HUD and included with the RFP.

9. In cooperation with the Authority make regularly scheduled inspections of all construction work.

10. The Architect/Engineer must ensure that all work is being performed in strict conformance with the approved contract documents.

11. Advise the Authority on special problems and any changes in the work. Prepare and coordinate construction change orders involving a change in contract price and/or extension of contract time for execution by the Authority and the contractor.

12. Review and approve all requisitions for payments submitted by the contractor.

13. Perform the final inspection and prepare a punch-list of incomplete or defective work and, if necessary, prepare the documents and recommend finalization of any such work.

14. Certify as to the full completion of the project for payment of amounts withheld at the time of settlement.

15. If requested by the Authority, inspect the project after final acceptance and before completion of any applicable guarantees or warranties.

QUALIFICATIONS

1. Must be licensed in the State of NJ to provide Architectural/Engineering services.

2. Must be approved by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development to provide these services.

3. Should have previous experience providing these services on a similar scale.

4. Should have experience in preparing HUD approved public bidding documents.

PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

All persons interested in submitting a proposal for the Architectural/Engineering services should submit a proposal based upon a lump-sum fee. The form of contract is available at the office of the Housing Authority. Proposals should be delivered to the Housing Authority of the Town of Secaucus, 777-5th Street, Secaucus, NJ on or before January 13th, 1994 by 2 PM. The Housing Authority will utilize the "competitive negotiation" process in its selection procedure. A copy of the rating system has been attached to the RFP for review by those parties interested in submitting a proposal.

WILLIAM F. SNYDER
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

1/5/94

NOTICE

The Housing Authority of the City of Long Branch is in the process of closing the waiting list for Public Housing, Section 8 Program and Senior Citizens.

The Authority will not accept applications after January 31, 1994.

Notice will be given in a paper advertising when the list will re-open.

DAVID ALLEN BROWN,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

1/5/94

INVESTMENT TO BID

(Caring Services at West End Gardens, Elmwood Gardens and Richmond Towers)

The Housing Authority of Plainfield desires to obtain proposals for caring services for its three (3) housing developments: West End Gardens, 128 units, Elmwood Gardens, 130 units and Richmond Towers, 225 units.

Proposals and information may be obtained at the office of the Housing Authority of Plainfield, 510 East 1st Street, Plainfield, New Jersey.

Proposals must be submitted on proposal forms in two (2) sealed envelopes, showing the name and address of the contractor on the outside of the envelope, at the Housing Authority office on or before 2:00 p.m. January 6, 1994. Upon notification of acceptance of proposal and award, the contractor will be required to immediately sign a contract and commence service. Contractor will also be required to submit evidence of required insurance. The Housing Authority reserves the right to reject any and all proposals or to waive any informality thereof.

No proposal shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days subsequent to the opening of proposals without the consent of the Housing Authority of Plainfield.

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF PLAINFIELD
RICARDO A. FOX
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

12/15, 12/22, 12/29

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Housing Authority of the City of Passaic (hereafter called the Authority) is inviting qualified Architectural and Engineering Firms and Roof Consultants to submit proposals for the replacement of roofs at No. 1-1 Upper Village, No. 13-4A Hedge Apartments and No. 13-4B Murphy Apartments. The work includes but is not limited to Technical support, Agency Liaison, Design Services and Construction Phase Administration.

The Proposal will be opened at 12:00 noon (prevaling time) on January 6, 1994 in the Conference Room of the Administration Building located at 333 Passaic Street, Passaic, New Jersey 07055. No Late Proposals will be accepted. Interested firms may obtain specifications at 333 Passaic Street, Passaic, New Jersey 07055 or by calling G.M. Russo at (201) 365-5347.

The Authority reserves the right to reject any and all Proposals and to waive any informality. No proposals may be withdrawn for a period of 60 days without the written consent of the Authority.

G.M. RUSSANO
PURCHASING AGENT

12-08-93

EDITOR

Full time editor for metro Newark's #1 African American weekly newspaper. Must have minimum 3 years experience with a newspaper in editorial capacity. Competitive salary commensurate with experience. Submit cover letter, resume, recent writing samples and or tear sheets and recent references by January 1, 1994 to: Jan Johnson, City News, PO Box 1774, Plainfield, NJ 07061.

DIRECTOR OF CIRCULATION

Circulation manager needed to supervise distribution operations for a group of African American publications. Must be flexible and have own transportation with clean driving record. Send cover letter and resume to J. Johnson, PO Box 1774, Plainfield, NJ 07061.

ADVERTISEMENTS FOR BIDS

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE TOWN OF BOONTON (OWNER)

Sealed bids for: Contract W-1: Window and Door Replacement at Plane Street Apartments, NJ52-1A, and Chestnut Street Apartments, NJ52-1B, respectively, and will be received by

Housing Authority of the Town of Boonton, 125 Chestnut Street, Boonton, NJ until 10 AM EST, February 2, 1994, and then at said office publicly opened and read aloud.

The Boonton Housing Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informality in the bidding. No bid shall be drawn for a period of sixty days subsequent to the opening for bids. The information for Bidders, Form of Bid and Specifications may be examined at the office of Tigne, Doty, Carriro, P.A. 654 Eighth Street Secaucus, NJ 07096-1088, between 9AM and 4PM Monday through Friday. Copies may be obtained at the office of Tigne, Doty, Carriro, P.A. upon payment of \$50, either cash or certified check, for each set. Any successful bidder, upon returning such set within 15 days after bid date and in good condition, will receive a full refund and any non-bidders will not receive refund.

All bidders are required to submit a certified check to the order of the Boonton Housing Authority for five percent (5%) of the entire Contract amount before said meeting in the State of NJ. The bidder shall also include a Certificate of Surety at the time of bidding. In the event bidder is a corporation or partnership who own ten percent (10%) or more of the stock of any class or of the individual partners in the partnership who owns a ten percent or greater interest therein as the case may be. Each bid must also be accompanied by a certification by bidder regarding Equal Opportunity Employment Practice and a Non-Collusive Affidavit and Statement of Compliance with bidding requirements. The successful bidder will be required to furnish and pay for Performance/Payment Bond in the amount of 100% of the Contract Price.

All bids to be hand delivered at the time and place of the prescribed meeting as indicated above. No bid will be accepted by mail or delivered before said meeting.

VIRGINIA B. MC GUINNESS
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

1/5/94

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Housing Authority of the Town of Secaucus, New Jersey will accept proposals for accounting services for the fiscal year 4/01/94 to 3/31/95. It is the Housing Authority's desire to retain and employ a duly qualified Accountant to act as advisor to the Authority in all matters relating to the establishment and ongoing functioning of the accounting books and records. All services must be in accordance with the existing rules, orders, directives and regulations promulgated by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Financial Management Handbook, the Financial Management Handbook and the Annual Contributions Contract.

The services that are requested will be as follows and will relate to all of the Housing Authority's programs including, but not limited to, Public Housing, Section 8 Vouchers, Section 23 Leased Housing, Comprehensive Improvement Assistance Program, Community Development Program.)

1) Maintenance and establishment of the accounting books and records, including monthly posting to the general ledger. The books must be maintained in accordance with the principles and standards and the classification and description of accounts as prescribed by HUD.

2) Preparation of budgets, financial statements and forms as required by law and the policies of the US Department of Housing and Urban Development.

3) Preparation of all regulations and financial reports.

4) Preparation of all state and federal payroll forms and reports (including a yearly reconciliation of all payroll deductions).

5) Attendance at meetings with HUD staff, HUD Auditors, Independent Auditors and Commissioners as requested by the Board of Commissioners and/or Executive Director.

6) A copy of the income and expense ledgers or a trial balance of the ledgers showing the amounts budgeted and the actual amounts for the fiscal year to date shall be provided at the end of each calendar quarter (at a minimum).

7) Preparation of a monthly reconciliation of bank accounts shall be prepared promptly upon receipt of the bank statements.

8) Preparation of a reconciliation of balances of tenants' accounts whenever the summary of transactions with tenants (as furnished by the Authority) does not agree with the accountants' control records.

QUALIFICATIONS:

1) Must be a Certified Public Accountant (C.P.A.), licensed by the State of New Jersey or a Licensed Public Accountant.

2) Should have experience and an understanding of HUD funded programs.

3) Must be approved by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development.

PROPOSAL SUBMISSION:

All persons interested in submitting a proposal for accounting services should submit a proposal based upon a lump-sum fee (payment schedule to be established by the Housing Authority). Proposals should be delivered to the office of the Housing Authority of the Town of Secaucus, 777-5th Street, Secaucus, NJ on or before February 24th, 1994 by 7:00 PM meeting of the Board of Commissioners. Proposals will be evaluated according to the Housing Authority's "Competitive Evaluation System." A copy of the evaluation system has been attached to the RFP for review by those persons interested in submitting a proposal. All persons submitting a proposal are encouraged to contact the Housing Authority in an effort to personally review the financial operations of the Authority.

WILLIAM F. SNYDER
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

12/29/93

ADVERTISEMENTS FOR BIDS

PROJECT NO. NJ51-2, 3 & 5

The Housing Authority of the Borough of Glassboro

Separate sealed bids for Coin-operated Laundry Equipment for 3 elderly apartment located in Montclair, New Jersey, will be received by the Housing Authority of the Borough of Glassboro at their office located at 737 Lincoln Blvd., Glassboro, N.J., until 11:00 o'clock A.M. S.T., Thursday, January 13, 1994, and then at said office publicly opened and read aloud.

The information for Bidders, Specifications, and other contract documents may be examined at the Housing Authority office, 737 Lincoln Blvd., Glassboro, N.J. Copies also may be obtained at this office.

If you have any questions regarding this bid, or to arrange for a site visit, contact Harry Castro at (908)981-5211.

The owner reserves the right to waive any informality or to reject any or all bids.

No bidder may withdraw his bid within 30 days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

ARENDA ROLAX
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

12/29/93

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1st Floor, One Bedroom and Large Kitchen
Small 2 Bedroom with Kitchen,
Bus stop at Door. Nonsmokers preferred.
No Pets. Senior Citizens and Section 8
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FAX FOR SALE, FOR RENT, REAL ESTATE, HELP WANTED AND LEGAL ADS 24 HOURS TO 908-753-1036

Sportlight

by R.L. Greene

You've just got to love Charles Barkley. The man is a monster on the basketball court, at a small 6-foot-6" operating down in the paint in the valley of the giants where the 7-footers can their living. And his commercials are as straightforward as he is.

None of this super-slick salesmanship for Mr. Barkley, Oh, no. He really tells it like it is. And what he has to say, despite the truth of it, makes him a target for those who believe our world would be all right if only those with athletic skills would be black-skinned Mr. Cleans.

When Barkley proclaimed he wasn't a role model, there was such a clamor to get on the complaint bandwagon that some critics almost got crushed in the stampede. Listen closely and you heard Barkley say that parents should be role models for their children. What's wrong with that?

In his latest Nike commercial, the bad bad dude from Phoenix, again goes straight to the point, which means directly opposite to most commercials. Where Air Jordans will make you soar like a bird—or at least the ads give you that impression—Barkley points out that playing in his shoes will not make you a better rebounder than you really are. Or a better player. They even won't make you as pretty as he is, he says with a great smile. What his shoes will do, he says, is allow you to be the best you can be. Not as good as Barkley, perhaps, but as good as you can be.

To this writer, that sounds like the truth. And in this day of the massive oversell, we don't hear the truth that most anyone. Maybe that's the reason Barkley is facing so much criticism. Truth is, after all, a difficult thing to manipulate.

Unfortunately, Barkley may be telling the truth when he's not in his commercials. He's talking about this being the last year he'll delight in with his board-pounding, jump-shooting, trash-talking game that could very possibly power the Suns to the NBA title this season.

Even though he has a childlike smile that is infectious, Barkley has never come across in his advertisements the same way that Michael Jordan and Magic Johnson did in theirs. There is, underneath it all, a person that can be tough or even threatening.

Charles, just like in the commercials, just like behind a facade. Hit him and he hits back, right away. Up front. Nothing sneaky. And unlike Jordan, who had to hide in his hotel room all the time to escape the smothering adulation of fans, Barkley enjoys night life, refusing to allow others to force him into something he doesn't want to do. Just like on a basketball court. Of course, with his openness has come a lot of grief, some of it seemingly self-inflicted.

There was a time he was fined by the NBA for spitting at a fan during a game. It made no difference that the fan probably deserved his fate; in that case, Barkley should have

restrained himself.

Then came Milwaukee, where a man, his braggadocio bolstered and his brain battered by alcoholic refreshment, tried to show Barkley how bad he was. He was bad, all right, and a basketball fan was acquitted of a misdemeanor battery charge for breaking the man's nose with a punch.

Yes, just like in a game when he goes to the hoop, Barkley refuses to back down. And just like he gets some shots rejected by the Patrick Ewing and Shaquille O'Neals of the league, he has taken more than his share of shots this year during his nights out at a Phoenix bar called Sixix.

In the first incident, a drunken woman bothered Barkley repeatedly until he finally cursed her. A 36-year-old vitamin salesman resented Barkley's choice of words and told him so. He accused Barkley of then hitting him, but an investigation ended when police found the allegations were unfounded.

But that was immediately followed by yet another parasite who claimed Barkley punched him in the mouth for no reason, after the two reportedly exchanged words. His case wasn't helped when he told police he chipped a tooth when he was hit by Barkley, an injury police couldn't find.

Yes, Barkley has become a marked man. He's big, he's good, he's black, he's got a few dollars, and he won't back down. He also tells the truth. And that, in the long run, is what seems to rile his antagonists the most.

Newark announces winners of Al Ruffin tennis tournament

NEWARK—Officials of The City of Newark's Division of Recreation and Cultural Affairs (DORCA) recently announced the results from the "Al Ruffin Memorial, Newark Open Tennis Tournament of Champions," which featured some of the best amateur talent from Newark and the surrounding New York/New Jersey metro area. The tournament was recently held at the MountainSide Tennis Center in Mountainside. Trophies and prizes were awarded to winners and second-place finishers in all events.

The competition results are:
Men's Singles-Joe Deer beat Barry

Rubeck 4-6, 6-3, 7-6.

Women's Singles-Xenia Uytendaele beat Stephanie Albert 6-2, 6-2.

Men's Junior Veterans-Robert Bynum over Ed Poole 6-3.

Junior Veterans-Donna Patton beat Sandra Hurley 6-2, 6-0.

Men's Senior Singles-Orman Edefeated Jerry Tunison 7-5, 6-4.

Men's Doubles-Barry Rubeck and Ed Poole over Len Russo and Steve Americo 6-3, 7-5.

Women's Doubles-Sandra Hurley and Donna Patton defeated Jane Smiley and Janice White 6-3, 6-1.

Mixed Doubles-Joe Deer and

Amy Kornick over Habte Awolom and Doris Lowe 6-2, 6-4.

According to Roslyn Lightfoot, DORCA manager, "The 1993, Al Ruffin Memorial was the best tournament ever. Since its beginning, the journey has grown steadily in the quality of players and the fierceness of their competitive spirit. We look forward to a more exciting competition, next year."

All matches were determined by a best two of three sets with a 9-point tiebreaker at 6-all. For information on future competitions, please contact DORCA office, Room B-23, Newark City Hall or call 201-733-6454.

Plainfield High graduate voted Rider's Most Improved Player

LAWRENCEVILLE—Jabbar Jones of Plainfield, a junior communications major at Rider College, is competing in his third season on the Rider varsity basketball team as their 6'8" center. A 1991 graduate of Plainfield High School and recipient of the Rider Coach Award for the team's Most Improved Player, Jones has started all six games for the 3-3 Rider Broncos, and is averaging 8.7 points, 4.8 rebounds and 24.7 minutes played per game.

Rider is currently on a 16-

game home court winning streak, the tenth longest in the nation. Rider next plays December 29-30 at the Stetson Hatter Classic in DeLand, Fla.

Last season Jones received the Coaches' Award as the team's Most Improved Player. He played in all 30 games, starting 11, including the final seven and 10 of the final 11 contests. Rider was 9-1 in the ten games he started before the NCAA tournament.

A 6'8" center, Jones averaged 6.5 points, 5.4 rebounds and

19.5 minutes played per game as a sophomore. He grabbed 26 rebounds in the three NEC playoff games. In the NCAA tournament, Jones compiled nine points and seven rebounds against All-American Jamal Mashburn before fouling out. Rider was undefeated at home in league play in 1992 and finished 19-11 overall, 14-4 and in first place in the NEC. In the NCAA National championship tournament, Rider lost in the first round to the University of Kentucky.

PDR accepting entries for basketball league

PLAINFIELD—The Plainfield Division of Recreation is now accepting entries for the 1993-1994 Senior Basketball league. The league will be conducted Friday evenings, at Maxson and Hubbard Schools for players ages 16 through 19. There is a \$10.00 individual player registration fee which insures the player for the entire season. League competition is tentatively scheduled to begin January 14, and end with championship games on April 22. For further information please call 908-753-3096.

Privatization of welfare

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tem, they will lack union and civil service protections.

"Other efforts at privatization of government services have resulted in waste, fraud and corruption which ultimately ends up costing the taxpayers more money."

According to Rev. Willie A. Simmons, Executive Vice President, "The slate was re-elected on the basis of its record which includes delivery of an excellent contract, the institution of disability, dental and optical coverage; a high level of personal responsibility towards members and responsible fiscal management. Recently, Local 1081 has been a leader in the fight for workplace health and safety, especially with respect to the risk of spreading TB in the workplace."

Weiner is well-known in the community for his active participation on behalf of the union member-

ship on numerous boards and committees. He serves as president of the boards of both the Newark Literacy Campaign and Apostles' House. He is a vice president of the Essex-West Hudson Labor Council. He is secretary of the board of Kids in Business, the Newark Coalition for Low-Income Housing, and is assistant secretary for the YMWCA of Greater Newark. He serves on the board of the United Way of Essex-West Hudson, the United Way of Tri-State and the Executive Board of the United Way of Tri-State.

According to Weiner, "Extensive work in the community benefits our clients and our membership. We work holistically both inside and outside the workforce to improve the quality of life for all members of our community." For further information please contact David Weiner at 201-623-1081.

Gangsta rappers!

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Cole, who became a star after he "got into piano playing" and that trio off his back, both gentlemen of distinct order, the bodacious James Brown had nothing in "Papa's Brand New Rag" that even faintly resembled the foul-mouthed filth spewed by today's Gangsta rappers.

Bessie Smith's blues singing could be suggestive, but nothing, as I say, explicit. Lady Day sang of a bitter "Strange Fruit" and Nina Simone was even more outraged with her "Mississippi Goddam." But none of it in the gangsta rap mode. Then there are Aretha, the Motown Sound stars -- from Diana Ross and Little Stevie Wonder to the Jackson Five and now Michael Jackson, the latter who makes some highly sexually suggestive moves in dance. But still no gangsta rap.

Chubby Checker is a twistin' devisor; Joe Williams of "Every Day" (I have the Blues); the Divine Sarah and Ella and Lord knows -- you'll need the Encyclopedia Britannica to list them. Sterling artists all. But nothing in this musical continuum to hint at the dark (no) white lurking-to-be-born srazak, porno rap.

Maybe the rappers took note of the in-your-face machismo of the 1960s Black Panthers; the scathing ecological stage rap of an early Richard Pryor or Eddie Murphy. Or some other angry cats who came out

of some strange and frustrated ghetto bags.

Anyway, Dr. Tucker is leading a national group of influential black women to put an end to the public airing of gangsta rap filth. I say it's about time momma got mad enough to do something about it. After all these are her (and our) children!

Last hired first fired, again

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study says that members of minority groups hold a higher share of government jobs than they hold in the national labor force. Blacks hold 17.2 percent of federal jobs, but only 10.6 percent of private sector jobs. The merit board study also said minorities are over represented in the government's lower pay grades, and has suggested that federal agencies re-examine hiring and career advancement programs.

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